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## THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Historical Facts about the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

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#### Library Established

1903

#### Notable Librarians

Annie Smith Ross was the first librarian who started working at the library in 1903. She also helped organize the North Carolina Library Association.

#### First Bookmobile

The library's first bookmobile was a Dodge panel truck which began its bookmobile duties in 1937. It was initially funded by the North Carolina Library Commission.

#### Important Facts

The library's Carnegie-built library was torn down in the mid-1950s.

In 1995, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was voted library of the year. It strives to integrate the technology of today with the ever pressing demand for new books.

#### Notable Stories

Famed writer, Harry Golden wrote many of his articles in the special collections department of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.